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For:

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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON REQUEST FOR **RETROACTIVE LICENSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.525**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the decision on request for retroactive license under 37 CFR 1.525 of January 4, 2002, the period for response having been extended up to and including July 5, 2002, applicants provide the following remarks.

Documentation submitted to date

In support of applicants' request for grant of a retroactive license, the following documentation has been previously submitted:

1. License request of December 30, 1999 together with copies of UK application Nos. 9720590.0 and 9725346.2 and PCT application PCT/GB98/02899,

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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July 5, 2002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Decision on Request for Retroactive License under 37 CFR 1.525 in the above-identified application.

- Petition for (4) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) (\$1440.00 for the extension of time).
- Check(s) in the amount of \$1440.00 is enclosed for the additional claims fee.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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